GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:8020
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2000
INCLUSION OF DHOBI CASTE IN SC LIST
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States in which Dhobi Caste is fully recognized as ScheduledCaste alongwith the norms for any caste to be included in the list of the Scheduled Castes and the name of the recommending authority;

(b) whether the Madhya Pradesh State Legislative Assembly had passed a Non- Governmental resolution on April 3, 1998 to include Dhobi Caste in the list of Scheduled Caste in the entire State alongwith the recommendations of theMahajan Commission (Madhya Pradesh State Backward Class Commission), theMandal Commission, and the Scheduled Cates and Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department of Madhya Pradesh alongwith the details and basis thereof;

(c) whether any committee had recommended in the year 1967 to exclude the Dhobi Caste from the list of Scheduled Castes in Bhopal,Seohar and Raisain districts of Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the basis therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

SMT. MANEKA GANDHI

(a) Dhobi community has been specified as Scheduled Caste in relation tofollowing States:-Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi,Madhya Pradesh (in Bhopal, Raisen and Sehore district), Mizoram, Manipur,Meghalaya, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. As per provisioncontained in Article 341 of the Constitution of India, lists of Scheduled castes have been notified. The Criteria for specification of any community in the list of Scheduled castes are as under:-

Scheduled Castes:-

Extreme social, educational and economic backwardness arising out of the traditional Practice of untouchability.

As per approved modalities any proposal for inclusion of community in the list of Scheduled Caste is recommended by the State/Union Territory Government concerned. Thereafter the proposal is referred to Registrar General of India andthe National Commission of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for theirviews. After obtaining necessary concurrence, the proposal is considered by the Government and then placed in form of a bill in the Parliament for consideration.

(b) Yes Sir. Madhya Pradesh State Legislative Assembly has passed a Non- Governmental Resolution on April 3, 1998 to include Rajak (Dhobi) caste in the list of Scheduled Castes of Madhya Pradesh and the recommendation wasforwarded by State Government on 30.04.1998.

(c)&(d) Yes Sir. Advisory Committee on the Revision of the Lists of Scheduled Castesand Scheduled Tribes had recommended for exclusion of Dhobi community from the List of Scheduled Castes of Madhya Pradesh (Scheduled in Raisen andSehore Districts) where they do not suffer from untouchability.